

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



re the Application of: **YAMAMOTO, Shusuke et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No.: **09/688,837**

Examiner: **FERGUSON, Michael P.**

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P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1853

For: **PIN CONNECTION STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF
CONNECTING MEMBERS BY PIN**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 9, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 9, 2003**, extended to **June 9, 2004** by a 3 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.